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1. LIKE YOU, WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE KAF COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS TO MEET THE ENEMY DRY SEASON THREAT.

2. HOWEVER PACKAGE DESIGNED IN WASHINGTON IS INCOHERENT IN MANY RESPECTS, AND DEFECTIVE IN OTHERS. ITS DRAFTER, COLONEL JOHNSON, HAS NOW PAID TWO VISITS TO PHNOM PENH WITHOUT BEING ABLE FULLY TO EXPLAIN TO OUR SERIOUS AND HARD-WORKING AND VERY PROFESSIONAL AIR OFFICERS WHAT THE PLAN REALLY IS. I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON HAVE A VERY CLEAR IDEA. NOTE THAT IF THE HIGH LEVEL INTEREST FROM WHICH WE ARE BENEFITTING WERE ALONE SUFFICIENT TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN CAMBODIA, WE WOULD HAVE WON THIS WAR MANY TIMES OVER ALREADY.

3. FYI ONLY, CINCPACAF GENERAL VOGT HAS AGREED TO SEND US HIS DIRECTOR OF AIR OPERATIONS, BRIGGEN SCHOENEMAN, SECRET

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THIS WEEKEND TO WORK UP AN OPERATIONAL PROPOSAL.

4. ONE OF THE THINGS WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH SCHOENEMAN IS THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBSTITUTE FIVE NEW

AIR PERSONNEL FOR EXISTING MEDTC STAFF. THE EXPLANATIONS THAT COLONEL JOHNSON HAS GIVEN US SO FAR DESCRIBE EITHER FUNCTIONS THAT MEDTC IS ALREADY PERFORMING, OR FUNCTIONS THAT THE EMBASSY IS ESTOPPED FROM PERFORMING BY COOPER/CHRUCH. THERE IS ADDITIONAL QUESTION OF WHO IS TO CONTROL THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, CHMEDTC OR COMUSMACTHAI. CHMEDTC MUST CONTROL.

5. OUR AIR IS TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY THE WASHINGTON PLAN, WHILE DISCARDING FROM IT ASPECTS THAT ARE NON-FUNCTIONAL, COSTLY, ILLEGAL OR CONFUSING. I AM SURE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A SENSIBLE PROPOSAL WITH CINCPACAF.

6. MEANWHILE, NOTE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING IMPROVEMENT IN KAF PERFORMANCE REPORTED IN REF (B). DESPITE A BETTER SORTIE RATE, BDA REMAINS VERY DEFECTIVE, AND REAL EFFECTIVENESS OF KAF IS MUCH BELOW WHAT WE WOULD WISH.
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